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SUBJ: MALIK'S MISSION TO BUDAPEST, BERLIN AND
MOSCOW TO SEEK AID

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1. GOI FONMIN MALIK LEFT JAKARTA DECEMBER 12 FOR LONG-
PLANNED VISITS TO SOVIET UNION, HUNGARY AND EAST
GERMANY, WHERE HE WILL DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE FOR INDONESIA'S SECOND FIVE-YEAR PLAN. TRIP
IS SEQUEL TO MALIK'S JUNE 1974 VISIT TO ROMANIA, YUGO-
SLAVIA, POLAND AND BRIEF STOPOVER IN MOSCOW WHICH WAS
EARLIER PHASE OF GOI'S NEW QUEST FOR SOCIALIST COUNTRY
AID (SEE REFAIR).

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2. MALIK IS ACCOMPANIED BY FONDEPT OFFICIALS ALEX ALATAS,

CHIEF ASSISTANT TO FONMIN; RBIB DJAJADINGRAT, DIRGEN POLITICAL AFFIARS; DR B S ARIFIN, DIRGEN FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS; BRIGGEN NURMATHIAS, DIRGEN FOR SECURITY; MAJGEN MUSKITA, DIRGEN DEPARTMENT OF TRADE; AND OTHERS. THEY WILL VISIT BUDAPEST DECEMBER 14-17, EAST GERMANY DECEMBER 20-22(AFTER TWO DAY UNOFFICIAL STOPOVER IN VIENNA) AND MOSCOW DECEMBER 22-26.

3. AT PREDEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE DECEMBER 12 HELD AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO, MALIK SAID LISTS OF PROJECTS HAD ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENTS OF THREE COUNTRIES HE WILL VISIT. HE REFUSED DETAILS, SAYING ONLY THAT PROJECTS WERE "SELECTIVE" AND OF A TYPE THAT COULD BE COMPLETED QUICKLY. HE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSING AID FOR ASAHAN HYDROELECTRIC/ALUMINUM PROJECT WITH SOVIETS, NOTING THAT IF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITHJAPAK FOR FINANCING PROJECT FAIL OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE APPROACHED. SOVIETS HAVE SHOWN GREAT INTEREST IN ASAHAN PROJECT, HE SAID.

4. ASKED IF ENTRY OF COMMUNIST AID TECHNICIANS MIGHT NOT OFFEND US AND CREATE STRUGGLE FOR INFLUENCE IN INDONESIA BETWEEN US AND USSR, MALIK SAID, "SINCE WHEN HAVE WE FELT COLONIZED BY THE US?" HE ADDED THAT THE PROBLEM OF ADMITTING COMMUNIST AID PERSONNEL HAD ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERED AND RESOLVED.

5. REFERRING TO INDONESIA'S UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE WITH SOCIALIST AID DURING SUKARNO ERA, MALIK SAID SUCCESS OF NEW SOCIALIST AID WILL REQUIRE A MORE FREINDLY AND SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE BY SOCIALIST DONORS TOWARD INDOMASIA THAN IN THE PAST, IN ORDER TO CREATE UNDERSTANDING AND TO PREVENT "SABOTAGE" BY UNFRIENDLY ELEMENTS. END UNCLASSIFIED
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6. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT MALIK WOULD HAVE PREFERED TO VISIT MOSCW FIRST, BUT COULD NOT, AS MOSCOW DID NOT PROVIDE DATES UNTIL LAST MOMENT, ALTHOUGH TRIP HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR MANY MONTHS. MAIN PURPOSE OF MALIK'S VISITS TO HANGARY AND EAST GERMANY IS TO SIGN
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TRADE AGREEMENTS SIMILAR TO AGREEMENT ALADY SIGNED WITH USSR IN EARLY 1974. IN TALKS WITH SOVIETS, GOI DOES NOT EXPECT SPECIFIC AID COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME, BUT IS REPORTEDLY PREPARED TO OFFER SOVIETS SOME EXPANDED NON-ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN CULTURAL AND OTHER AREAS IN EXCHANGE FOR AID. GOI HAS RECENTLY TAKEN A NEW STEP IN THIS DIRECTION BY APPROVING VISITS OF SOVIET AND CZECHXSLAOVAK SOCCER TEAMS WHICH ARE NOW IN JAKARTA. PERMISSION WAS REFUSED,

HOWEVER, FOR TEAMS TO VISIT PROVINCIAL CITIES. FOR
FURTHER BACKGROUND ON GOI'S NEW POLICY OF SEEKING AID FROM
USSR AND E EUROPE, SEE REFAIR. TOUSSAINT

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